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In re Application of
Hideto Noguchi
Application No. 10/092,923
Filed: March 8, 2002
Attorney Docket No. 62807-049

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 30, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of February 9, 2007. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). No extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is May 10, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$810, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$1,540; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay¹.

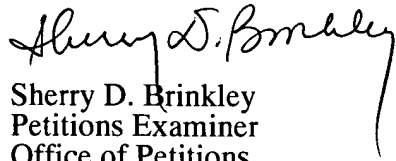
It is noted that petitioner submitted an extension of time with the present petition. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136 are available only if asked for prior to or with the response. In no case, however, may an applicant respond later than the maximum time period set by statute. Accordingly, if the question of abandonment arises when the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 can no

¹ 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Although the statement contained in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement will be construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

longer be used, then the application is abandoned when the unextended time for response has expired. Since, no extension of time fees are due on a petition for revival, the \$1,050 extension fee submitted with the present petition is being credited to counsel's deposit account.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2621 for processing of the RCE in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.



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